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Minister for Lands & Mineral Resources



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9/2018 Hon. Jiosefa Dulakiverata to ask the Minister for Industry, Trade, Tourism, Lands and Mineral Resources – Can the Minister advise this House on acres and sites of land developed by the State and the intended purpose of each site of land development.

With respect to Development of State Land it is one of the Ministry's core projects. The main objective of the project is to develop all vacant and/or under-utilised state land to their highest and best use and lease them out for productive use. The Ministry ensures that the project achieves the following results:

- To provide housing needs to the landless;
- To provide a secure investment and return;
- To improve delivery and quality of leasing services;
- To make efficient use of available land resources;
- To ensure proper usage of land;
- To reduce the land boundary disputes;
- To improve communication and administration mechanisms, particularly in relation to land;
- To house critical services in rural areas such Health Centres, Nursing Stations and other public facilities/services;
- To provide a long-term secured lease, which in turn will provide a form of security (mortgage etc.) for development; and;
- To have a fair return of revenue through rental.

Land developed by the State in the past 10 years

| Land Developed by the State | Size (acres) | Location | Intended Purpose |
|--|---------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| Maddocks Delainabua Subdivision | 3.15 acres with 28 lots | Nabua | Residential Subdivision |
| Kinoya Subdivision (DP 10718) | 1.46 acres with 7 lots | Nasinu | Residential Subdivision |
| Kinoya Subdivision (DP 9829) | 2.13 acres with 14 lots | Nasinu | Residential Subdivision |
| Melanesian Spearhead Group | 5.49 acres with 3 Lots | Laucala Bay Road | Civic Purpose |
| Nakorovou Subdivision in Wainibuku | 32.14 acres with 127 lots | Nakasi | Residential Subdivision |
| Vatia Subdivision | 2.237 acres with 9 lots | Labasa | Residential Subdivision |
| Field 40 – Stage 1 | 5.93 acres with 36 lots | Lautoka | Residential Subdivision |
| Legalega Subdivision (itaukei – land) | 25 acres with 77 lots | Nadi | Residential Subdivision |
| Total of eight (8) land developed by State with a total of 77.537 acres and 301 lots | | | |

The Industrial Subdivision is specifically aimed to create opportunities for investments, thus promoting economic growth; whereas the Residential Subdivision aims to create a healthy living environment and addresses the Nation's Housing needs and Government initiative towards upgrading the standard of living for people through proper sewerage systems, access to proper water connections, footpaths, street lights and sealed access. For example, Field 40 - Stage 1 was completed in 2017 and benefitted 30 families.